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COOPERATIVE BUYING

One of the home projects in Salt Lake County, Utah, Farm Bureau program of work is cooperative purchasing of household supplies and equipment.

Sixty-six local leaders in that county, assisted by the home demonstration agent, made surveys of textile standards and of the durability and service of various pieces of household equipment, including electric washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and refrigerators. Under the direction of the local leaders, groups of women have made a study of textile materials and household articles based on local conditions and needs, after which they combined their orders and placed them with local merchants or wholesale dealers. As a result of this plan of purchasing, a total of 35 per cent was saved on all money expended on house supplies and equipment.

Another encouraging result of this piece of work is that local merchants have been induced to carry a better grade of goods to meet the improved and more critical demands of the women. One local merchant is said to have made the statement that the standard of his own business has been raised 50 per cent by the intelligent buying of the women.

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A HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT IN A NEW COUNTY

Fremont County, Colorado, has never had a home demonstration agent, though women are members of the county farm bureau and are represented on its executive board.

The chief project last year was work in household equipment. One aim of the women was to arouse interest in home problems in order to secure county appropriation for a home demonstration agent. This is how they planned to do it:

The project leader and her committed set for the goal in household equipment 5 water systems and 50 iceless refrigerators in one community. The iceless-refrigerator campaign was started first, Three home-made refrigerators were taken to the local stores and placed in the windows. Tacked in conspicuous places were placards giving instructions for making and the approximate cost. The refrigerators were left in the store windows for a week or ten days. During their exhibition the project leader sent 450 copies of a circular giving directions for making to interested women in the county. Local leaders in the communities arranged for securing data on the number of refrigerators made, and by the end of the campaign a record of fifty iceless refrigerators was secured. The goal of 5 water systems was almost to reached, 4 being placed in the homes during the time the project was in operation. But the women are aroused and interest is growing in behalf of the home demonstration agent.

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"TUNING UP" COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Several <u>locals</u> in the farm bureau of St. Louis County, Minnesota, are determined to show that there need be nothing slow and dull about the monthly get-together meetings.

One of the major projects adopted last year was community recreation, in charge of a recreation committee composed of men and women. Under the leadership of this committee an active campaign was carried on to provide wholesome recreation in rural districts. One feature of the committee's program was to provide equipment for giving game demonstrations. This included basketball and indoor baseball. These outfits were packed for transportation and during the year traveled over a large part of the county. The result of these demonstrations was a surprising and encouraging amount of wholesome fun and good-fellowship developed through old-fashioned games, in which the men, women, and children took part.

Also the work of the recreation committee proved a distinct aid in arousing interest in the agricultural and home program among the young people who previously had voted the meetings "too slow" for them. Now everybody takes part in the business session, after which the floor is cleared and all join in a round of games of various kinds.

Community singing has been encouraged throughout the county. Mimeographed song sheets have been sent out to the community groups, several of which have been raising money for a musical instrument. Two pianos and two organs have already been purchased, and several more communities are raising money for this purpose. Singing has been one of the most effective means of breaking up the restraint frequently found in groups where from two to six nationalites are represented.

The verdict is: Once get the people to singing and smiles will come and a friendly atmosphere be established.

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BEAUTIFYING HOME SURROUNDINGS

Freedom, Lincoln County, Wyoming, has tree planting as a project in the extension program of work, and set 250 trees as the community goal.

The Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperated by selling blue spruce trees to the community at four cents per tree. The interest in the project spread throughout the county and to date 1500 trees have been planted.

That's bringing beauty to an arid region.

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